

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re application of:** Wagner *et al.*

**Application No.** 09/522,334

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**For:** TRAIT-ASSOCIATED GENE  
IDENTIFICATION METHOD

**Examiner:** David H. Kruse

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION  
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This Amendment and Response is filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and in response to the Final Office action dated May 15, 2007, for which a three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before August 15, 2007. Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for three-months, making a response due on **November 15, 2007**.

The three-month extension fee is being submitted herewith via EFS. If any additional fees are required in connection with this filing, the Director is authorized to charge the required fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account listed on the accompanying transmittal letter.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 and end with a brief **conclusion** on page 15.

All references cited in this response and not previously of record in the case are being submitted herewith in an Information Disclosure Statement.